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(CPD) FOR FY1979 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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1. JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM: THE UNITED STATES HAS A CLOSE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NETHERLANDS, A PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY UNDER A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY. A MEMBER OF NATO AND THE EEC, THE NETHERLANDS OCCUPIES AN IMPORTANT STRATEGIC LOCATION IN NORTHERN EUROPE. IN ADDITION TO THE NETHERLANDS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN NATO, WE ENJOY A CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. STANDARDIZATION, INTEROPERABILITY, AND RATIONALIZATION OF EQUIPMENT AND TASKS WILL RESULT FROM THE NETHERLANDS' PURCHASE OF U.S. DEFENSE ARTICLES. CONTINUING U.S. SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT ARE CRITICAL TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE NATO SECURITY POSTURE.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: THE NETHERLANDS' SECURITY OBJECTIVE DURING FY 1979 WILL BE ONE OF CONTINUING MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT. THIS IN TURN SERVES U.S. INTEREST BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND STRENGTH OF OUR COMMON DEFENSES. THE
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NETHERLANDS' POLICY ON ARMS TRANSFER IS ONE OF OPPOSING THE UNNECESSARY SPREAD OF WEAPONS WORLDWIDE AND APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POLICY. THE NETHERLANDS IS EXPECTED TO REPLACE OLDER SYSTEMS AND ACQUIRE MORE MODERN ARMAMENTS AND EQUIPMENT FROM BOTH THE U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRIES. CONSUMMATION OF PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, DURING FY 1979, FOR U.S. EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES THROUGH FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASH PROCEDURES ARE

ANTICIPATED TO INCLUDE THREE P3C ORION AIRCRAFT, 120 M109A1 HOWITZERS, AND FIFTY TOW UNDER ARMOR UNITS. THERE ARE SEVERAL LONG TERM FMS CASES THAT BEGAN PRIOR TO AND WILL CONTINUE BEYOND FY 1979 SUCH AS F-16 AIRCRAFT, DRAGON ANTI-TANK MISSILES AND NATO SEA SPARROW AIR DEFENSE MISSILES. FMS CASES COVERING COOPERATIVE LOGISTICS SUPPORT WILL BE RENEWED BY ALL SERVICES DURING FY 1979.

3. FOLLOWING IS BEST ESTIMATE OF DEFENSE ARTICLES, SERVICES, AND TRAINING EXPECTED FROM U.S. ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS: TWO PASSIVE ECM DETECTION SYSTEMS, TWO UNDERWATER FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS AND ONE WHEELED VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING SIMULATOR. THE ARMORED INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLE IS A LONG TERM COMMERCIAL PROGRAM THAT WILL CONTINUE BEYOND FY 1979 WITH SOME POSSIBILITY THAT ADDITIONAL UNITS WILL BE CONTRACTED FOR IN SUPPORT OF THE TOW UNDER ARMOR PROJECT.
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